(Vide *Answer to Question No. 22.*)

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

G. O. No. 1326-9—Muz. 392-26-7, Dated 10th February 1928.

The annual provision that is now being made for construction and repair of Muzrai Institutions and buildings of architectural interest is Rs. 20,000 of which Rs. 10,000 is contributed from State Funds and an equal amount from the General Muzrai Fund. The demand for a larger annual grant is very insistent. There is not a Session of the Representative Assembly at which the question of providing more funds for this purpose is not pressed. Government are convinced that the amount now allotted is insufficient, that many of the important Muzrai buildings and structures of architectural interest are deteriorating for want of funds and that prompt action is necessary to put them in order. Government are therefore pleased to direct that an additional annual provision of Rs. 10,000 be made from State Funds for the construction and repair of Muzrai Institutions for a period of five years with effect from the next official year. The total amount that will be available annually for the construction and repair of Muzrai Institutions will thus be Rs. 30,000, *viz.*, Rs. 20,000 from General Revenues and Rs. 10,000 from the General Muzrai Fund.

2. There is at present no definite procedure laid down for the allocation of charges against the provisions made in the State Budget and that of the General Muzrai Fund on account of construction and repairs. Government consider it necessary to have also a definite plan for regulating the selection of buildings to be repaired each year and the procedure to be followed in preparing estimates and executing works.

3. There are the following classes of works to be considered:—

(1) Buildings of Muzrai Institutions, the sanctioned scales of which provide for annual repairs, etc., or which have sufficient balances for necessary works.

(2) Buildings of Muzrai Institutions whose resources are not sufficient for the execution of necessary repairs.

(3) Buildings of importance and of architectural interest owned by Muzrai Institutions requiring repairs, which cannot be financed from the funds of the Institutions concerned.

(4) Ancient monuments of importance which, though not classed as Muzrai Institutions, require to be maintained in good repair according to Government Order No. 6045-105—, G.M. 194-18-8, dated 14th September 1920.

4. As regards works coming under class (1), the provision of funds does not present any difficulty. The outlay will have to be met from the funds of the Institutions concerned and the cases have to be dealt with as they arise. But even in these cases, it is well to have an annual programme drawn up three months before the beginning of the year. Estimates should be got prepared in the Public Works Department, and if the buildings are of any special architectural interest, they should be referred for the opinion of the Architectural Assistant of the Chief Engineer's Office. Estimates will be sanctioned by the competent authority and the works executed by the Public Works Department.

5. The Institutions coming under class (2) often require grants-in-aid for the execution of necessary repairs.

6. There are a very large number of Institutions which cannot afford to find money from their own resources for the care and maintenance of buildings of religious or architectural interest, which they possess. The entire outlay on works under class (3) will have to be met from the grants allotted for construction and repairs from General Revenues, supplemented by the provision made in the General Muzrai Fund Budget.

7. As regards the works coming under classes (2) and (3), the Muzrai Commissioner is requested to obtain lists of them arranged in the order of relative urgency and have a selection made of them for execution each year. As in the case of works under class (1), estimates should be got prepared in the Public Works Department and referred wherever necessary, to the Architectural Assistant of the Chief Engineer's Office. The Muzrai Commissioner will, with reference to estimates thus prepared, submit a statement to Government showing the grants-in-aid to be made for the selected works out of the total grant of Rs. 30,000 provided for this purpose.

8. In formulating his proposals the Muzrai Commissioner is requested to keep the following instructions in view :—

Out of Rs. 30,000 allotted annually certain provisions will be earmarked for the purposes specified below :—

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5,000	to be kept as a reserve for meeting special demands arising in the course of the year ;
2,000	to be placed at the disposal of the Palace Authorities for the execution of repairs required for Muzrai Institutions under their management ;
2,000	to be used for expenditure specially sanctioned in G. O. No. 854-6—Muz. 392-27-6, dated 24th November 1927, for the care of the temples at Belur and Halebid.
9,000	

There will thus remain a balance of Rs. 21,000 which will be distributed among the works coming under classes (2) and (3), in the order of relative urgency in the list of those selected for attention in any particular year.

9. As the allotment of funds for the several works will, according to the foregoing directions, be made out of the total provision for construction and repairs in the two budgets, it is necessary to prescribe a special procedure for allocating the expenditure to be charged to the two grants. Pending further consideration of this question, the expenditure on works coming under classes (2) and (3) will, as it is incurred, be charged in the first instance, wholly to the State Funds and at the end of the year, one-third of the actual outlay will be transferred to the General Muzrai Fund, the remaining two-thirds being met out of the provision of Rs. 20,000 from General Revenues. The Comptroller is requested to issue necessary subsidiary instructions for the drawing of funds and for the preparation of the accounts in the Treasury and Muzrai Offices.

10. As regards works coming under class (4), the outlay will continue to be provided for in the Budget of the Public Works Department according to the Government Order referred to above. The estimates for these works will be got prepared in the Public Works Department with the help of the Architectural Assistant, wherever necessary. The grants required for these works in any year will be settled by the Muzrai Commissioner (in his capacity as Commissioner under the Ancient Monuments Preservation Regulation) in consultation with the Chief Engineer. A sum of

Rs. 5,000 may be provided annually for this purpose in the Public Works Department Budget for a period of five years commencing from 1928-29.

11. In the case of all Muzrai Works, Government are of opinion that an annual programme should be drawn up in good time in advance of the preparation of the Budget Estimates. The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to have this programme ready for consideration along with the State, Muzrai, Public Works Department and General Muzrai Fund Budgets.

12. With the additional funds placed at the disposal of the Muzrai and Public Works Departments and strict attention to the instructions issued in this order, Government hope that the condition of Muzrai buildings and monuments of architectural interest will be gradually improved.

13. The attention of all officers concerned is drawn to the existing orders noted in the margin relating to these buildings and monuments and they are requested to give effect to the instructions in regard to their inspection.

(1) G. O. No. 3067-80—Muz. 421-17-9, dated 3rd April 1919.
(2) G. O. No. G. 6045-105—G. M. 194-17-8, dated 14th September 1920.
(3) G. O. No. G. 18265-325—G. M. 44-20-9, dated 31st March 1921.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. R. 402-04—R. M. 6-29-115,
DATED 19TH JULY 1930.

Read—

Correspondence ending with letter No. C. 1984—29-30, dated 1st April 1930, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, submitting proposals in the matter of the remission of the assessment on lands dependent on Talapariges in the Madhugiri and Pavagada Taluks of the Tumkur District which have failed or have run dry.